

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Department of Health, CenterPoint, 20435 72nd Avenue S., Suite 200, Kent, WA.

On May 21, 2002, the Board of Physical Therapy met at the Department of Health, CenterPoint, 20435 72nd Ave. S, Suite 200, Kent, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dyke Dickie, PT, Chair
Samuel Stockton, PT, Vice Chair
Teri Yap-Yoshikawa, PT
Nancy Wong, PT
Jean Stevens-Owens, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Kristin Hamilton, Program Manager
Gail Zimmerman, Executive Director
Melissa Hartley, Staff Attorney
Arthur DeBusschere, Health Law Judge

GUESTS PRESENT

Donna El-Din, PT (via telephone)
Kathie Hummel-Berry, PT (via telephone)
Robert Lewis, Court Reporter

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dyke Dickie, PT, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Item 1.3 – April 30, 2002 Minutes
- Item 15 – August PTWA Newsletter
- Item 16 – Board Education Committee

1.2 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

1.3 Approval of April 30, 2002 Minutes

The minutes of the April 30, 2002 conference call were approved with typographical changes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Dickie introduced newly appointed Board member, Teri Yap-Yoshikawa. Ms. Yoshikawa shared information regarding her background and current practice settings. The other Board members briefly introduced themselves to Ms. Yoshikawa, as did staff members who were present.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ASSIGNED STAFF ATTORNEY

Mr. Dickie introduced newly assigned Department of Health staff attorney, Melissa Hartley. Ms. Hartley shared with the Board information regarding her background and experience.

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4. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & DOCTORATE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Board invited Donna El-Din, PT, PhD, from Eastern Washington University, and Kathleen Hummel-Berry, PT, MEd, PhD, from University of Puget Sound, to participate in a discussion, via telephone conference call, Washington doctorate physical therapy programs (DPT), including entry-level accreditation and advanced degrees.

Dr. El-Din and Dr. Hummel-Berry provided information regarding the structure of DPT programs, both entry-level and advanced degree programs that are in place or being developed.

There was discussion regarding the confusion created by the "DPT" designation, as it is given for both entry-level degrees and post-professional degrees.

UPS is offering a transitional DPT only to current 2nd and 3rd year students, and UPS alumni. This transitional degree is set up specifically so that those who receive this degree will meet current entry-level DPT degree standards. Other than those exceptions, UPS only offers the entry-level DPT. Once the current 2nd and 3rd year students are done, the transitional degree will only be offered to UPS alumni.

When asked how EWU evaluates applicants from other countries, who may already be licensed in other states, and are seeking a DPT, Dr. El-Din stated that applicants for the DPT program at EWU must all meet same entry criteria, regardless of where they received undergraduate training, and whether or not they are licensed in another state. Dr. Hummel-Berry stated that UPS has received several inquiries in just this type of situation. As stated before, UPS only offers entry-level degrees and, as further assurance of minimum requirements, applicants to the PT program must have a minimum equivalent BA before entering the program. Dr. El-Din stated that EWU also requires minimum equivalency.

Dr. Hummel-Berry noted for the Board that CAPTE is not currently providing accreditation for transitional DPT degrees. The CAPTE standard is a Master's degree. CAPTE is, however, working to establish guidelines on the transitional DPT.

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5. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

- Applicant A – Application approved.
- Applicant B – Application denied pending completion of three (3) credits in humanities and wound care coursework.
- Applicant C – Application denied pending completion of six (6) credits in humanities and wound care coursework.

- Applicant D – Application denied pending completion of pharmacology, wound care, and geriatrics coursework.

6. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS

- Case No. 2002-05-0002PT – CLOSED – Below threshold.
- Case No. 2002-01-0003PT – CLOSED (after investigation) – No violation.
- Case No. 2001-10-0001PT – CLOSED (after investigation) – No violation.
- Case No. 2001-10-0004PT – CLOSED (after investigation) – No violation.

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7. POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed and discussed changes to the Board's policy 2.3 – Complaints Against Board Members, which was handed out and discussed briefly at the March 2002 meeting.

MOTION: Accept amended policy as written.
The Motion passed unanimously. Each Board member signed a copy of the signature page. All new Board members will be asked to sign this policy.

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8. PRESENTATION OF STIPULATED AGREEMENT

RACHEL SOFER, APPLICANT

DOCKET NO. 01-10-A-1035PT (Case No. 2001-09-0003PT)

- Department of Health staff attorney, Melissa Hartley presented a proposed Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order. Ms. Hartley provided information to the Board concerning the facts of this case.
- Health Law Judge Arthur DeBusschere acted as Presiding Officer in this matter, assisting the Board in matters of law.
- Reviewing Board member, Nancy Wong, PT, was present but did not participate in presentation or deliberations relating to this matter.
- The presentation was recorded by Robert Lewis, Court Reporter.
- The Board went into closed session to deliberate.
- The Board went back into open session and announced that the Stipulated Order had been accepted and signed as presented.

9. CREDENTIALING COMPANY REVIEW DISCUSSION

The Board continued their ongoing discussion regarding evaluation of credentialing companies in preparation for future review of these companies. Reviews are to be held every two years now. One type of case that Board members want included in the evaluation is an applicant that is known not to be licensable in Washington but it's not readily obvious that this Board did not license them.

10. LETTER FROM REDGE CAMPBELL, MS, OTR/L

The Board received an email request for information from Mr. Campbell regarding administration of narcotic "lollipops" for pain management prior to wound treatment. This discussion will be postponed until the AAG Board advisor can be present.

11. LETTER FROM CHRISTINE LARSON, PT

The Board reviewed a letter from Ms. Larson. Her letter is a follow-up to a letter sent to this Board in November 2001 and responded to by Alan Copsey, AAG, Board Advisor. The letter will be forwarded to Mr. Copsey for response.

12. INFORMATION REGARDING FSBPT "UNIFORM PATHWAYS"

The Board reviewed information received by program staff concerning issues raised by other FSBPT member boards concerning "Uniform Pathways". This information was provided to keep the Board informed and to allow Washington to "weigh in" on the subject, especially at the September FSBPT annual delegates meeting.

Ms. Hamilton will check with FSBPT staff to see if it is possible to receive a list of all available motions prior to the July meeting so that the Board can review the motions to provide direction of voting for the Board's delegate to the annual meeting.

13. PROGRAM REPORT

13.1 Update on Governor's Freeze on Hiring, Travel and Equipment

Ms. Zimmerman stated that the freezes are somewhat lifted, but the Department of Health is still not hiring due to FTE restrictions.

13.2 Organizational Update

Ms. Zimmerman provided information to the Board regarding the combining of physical therapy, occupational therapy and recreational therapy programs into one "unit". Staff is being transferred from other areas to handle the workload involved.

13.3 Planning for Upcoming Meetings

July and September meetings will be held as planned.

13.4 Budget Information

Ms. Hamilton provided a brief budget update for the Board's information.

13.5 Consent Agenda Items

Several written items were provided for the Board's information. No discussion was held on these items.

14. AUGUST PTWA NEWSLETTER

The Board discussed article ideas for the August PTWA newsletter, which goes to all licensed physical therapists in Washington. Ms. Hamilton will research previous newsletters and, if previously submitted articles were not published, will forward those to PTWA, along with an article regarding Board member recruitment. If possible, Ms. Yap-Yoshikawa will forward her "first impressions" of being a PT Board member, as Mr. Stockton and Ms. Wong did when they were new members.

15. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Board discussed their newly formed Board Education Committee. Mr. Dickie recommended the Patricia Muchmore, PT, former Board member, be recommended for pro-tem appointment so that she can be a part of this committee.

16. STAFF ATTORNEY INFORMATION

Ms. Hartley provided information to the Board regarding how staff attorneys can be useful to the Board during the complaint review and disciplinary process. Ms. Hartley delineated the difference between services provided by the Board's staff attorney, AAG advisor, and AAG prosecutor. Ms. Hartley also provided contact information to the Board members.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Kristin Hamilton
Program Manager

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Dyke Dickie, PT, Chair
Board of Physical Therapy